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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (P A R A 1.)

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SUBJECT: PRAVDA BLASTS SCHLESINGER

1. CONTINUING MOSCOW'S SHRILL LINE ON SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, PRAVDA (JULY 12) CARRIES A COMMENTARY OVER THE AUTHORITATIVE SIGNATURE "OBSERVER" WHICH DENOUNCES SCHLESINGER FOR "BELLICOSE STATEMENTS" CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE. COMPARING HIS THEMES TO THOSE OF DULLES, PRAVDA SAYS THAT SCHLESINGER'S COMMENTS ON DETAILS OF USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS EVEN AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IGNORE THE SOVIET-US AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTIION OF THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. PRAVDA SAYS SCHLESINGER'S "RISKY GAME" HAS AROUSED INDIGNATION IN THE US AND ELSEWHERE, AND TIES IT TO DOMESTIC US DEBATE ON THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY AFTER THE FALL OF INDOCHINA. THE ISSUE IS ALSO LINKED TO PENTAGON BUDGET REQUESTS. BUT HIS "DANGEROUS GAME" AFFECTS THE WHOLE WORLD, SAYS PRAVDA. "NUCLEAR THREAT" DOES NOT FIT IN TODAY'S WORLD, PRAVDA CONCLUDES, PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND NON-INTERFERENCE ARE NECESSARY NOW.

2. COMMENT: PRAVDA'S ATTACK IS THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE TO DATE IN THE RISING CRESCENDO OF SOVIET VOICES DENOUNCING SCHLESINGER'S RECENT REMARKS. THE POINTS ARE NOT NEW NOR NOTABLY DIFFERENT FROM SEVERAL SIMILAR ITEMS IN THE PAST WEEK, ALTHOUGH THIS ARTICLE OMITS EARLIER REFERENCES TO THE BERBERA "BASE." ALSO, IT SEEMS SOMEWHAT TEMPERED BY REFERENCE TO THE US DOMESTIC SETTING FOR SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS AND BY ITS AFFIRMATION THAT NUCLEAR SABRE-RATTLING HAS NO PLACE IN THE MODERN WORLD. THE COMMENTARY DOES NOT CALL FOR GREATER VIGILANCE BY SOVIET OR SOCIALIST FORCES.  
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